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SUBJ: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ASSIGNMENT OF I. SHIWEIL
TO IRAN

REF: STATE 09250

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MUTRU/SCHLOSSBERG
OF IAEA AND CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2. IN MEETING APRIL 16 BETWEEN SCIETT ADLER AND AEOI'S
DR. M. FARZIN, DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR SAFETY, EMBASSY
LEARNED THAT FARZIN HAD UNTIL NOW EXPECTED COST TO
AEOI OF NRC-PROVIDED EXPERT THROUGH IAEA TO INCLUDE ALL
COSTS EXCEPT RPT EXCEPT SALARY. FARZIN STATED THAT
HE WAS OF BELIEF FROM PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NRC THAT
EITHER USG OR IAEA WOULD PAY SIHWEIL'S BASIC SALARY.

3. FARZIN REQUESTS THAT IAEA PROVIDE (A) BREAKDOWN
OF DETAILED COSTS FOR SIHWEIL, INCLUDING SALARY, IN
ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 90,000 PER
MAN YEAR TOTAL COST ANTICIPATED FOR SIHWEIL SERVICES;
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(B) IAEA SHOULD ALSO INDICATE UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES
THE SUPPLYING GOVERNMENT OR IAEA DOES PAY SALARY.
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS IAEA CABLE THIS INFORMATION
DIRECTLY TO FARZIN AT AEOI RATHER THAN MANZOOR
WITH COPY TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN.

4. ONLY AFTER AEOI HAS COMPLETE FINANCIAL PICTURE

CAN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BE ANTICIPATED. DR. FARZIN STATED THAT UNTIL TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, THE MAXIMUM COST FOR A DIRECT FOREIGN HIRE BY AEOI WAS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 6,000 PER MONTH MAXIMUM, AND THAT THE MORE COMMON COSTS WERE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THIS.

5. DR. FARZIN HAS MET SIHWEIL IN WASHINGTON AND AGREES HIS EXPERTISE CAN BE OF POTENTIALLY GREAT VALUE TO AEOI; HOWEVER, HE CANNOT JUSTIFY AN APPROVAL AT THIS POINT WITHOUT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL COSTS TO BE INCURRED AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHY AEOI MUST ALSO PROVIDE BASIC SALARY IF, IN FACT, IAEA PROVIDES UNDER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, EXPERTS ON SALARY-FREE BASIS.
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